

Introduction:


















Fire Extinguishers are not the only tools that can be used to extinguish a fire, but they are helpful tools, and many schools and other buildings in Africa to have access to them. Often, while they are available, people do not know how to use them and then do not use them when there is a fire. A basic fire extinguisher training is very helpful. Individuals may want to light trash on fire for the training. If you are comfortable with this it can be very helpful to allow them to practice. However, use extreme caution. You do not want to start a fire that cannot be controlled.

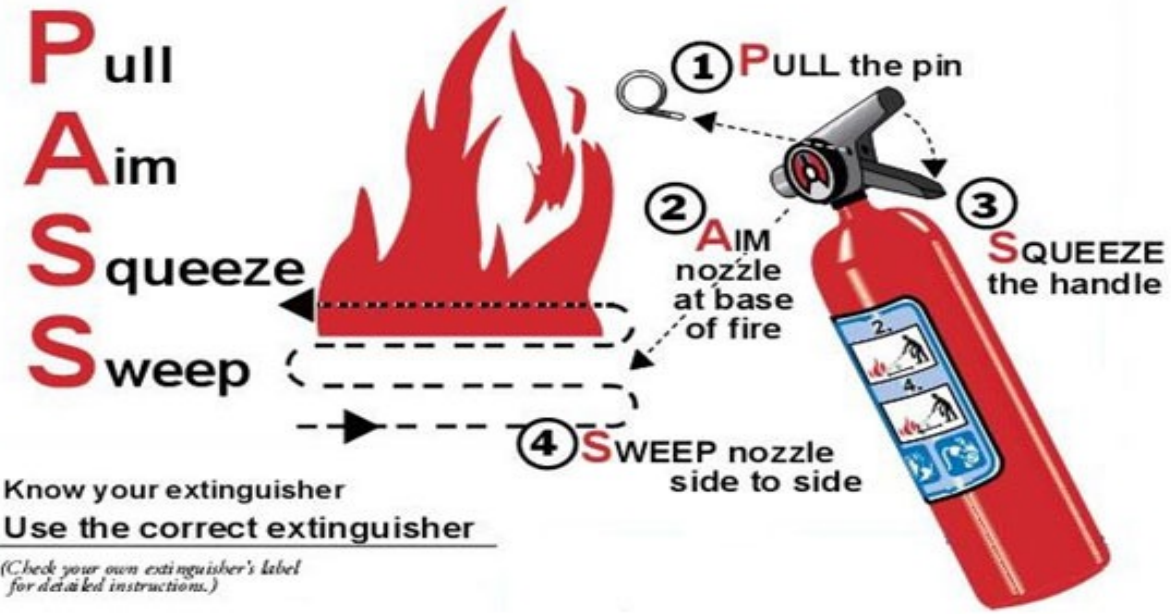
If you use the fire extinguishers during the training, please make sure arrangements are made to refill/replace the fire extinguisher so that it is available for emergencies.

Recommended audience:

- Adults and older children
- Up to 20 people at a time

Time: 30 minutes

Step 1	<p>Locate Fire Extinguishers and a safe place to demonstrate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you are going to use real fire to extinguish ask school staff for things to burn and a way to light the fire. 															
Step 2	<p>Talk about types of fire extinguishers and which types to use on what kind of fires (in much of Africa they use a British system)</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;"> KNOW YOUR FIRE EXTINGUISHER CODE </p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="background-color: black; color: white;">CO₂</th> <th style="background-color: blue; color: white;">DRY POWDER</th> <th style="background-color: yellow; color: black;">AFFF FOAM</th> <th style="background-color: red; color: white;">WATER</th> <th style="background-color: green; color: white;">VAPOURISING LIQUIDS</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td> <p>FOR USE ON: Flammable Liquids</p> <p>FOR USE ON: Live Electrical Equipment</p> <p>DO NOT USE ON: Wood, Paper and Textiles</p> <p>DO NOT Use in a confined space</p> </td> <td> <p>FOR USE ON: Wood, Paper and Textiles</p> <p>FOR USE ON: Flammable Liquids</p> <p>FOR USE ON: Gaseous Fires</p> <p>FOR USE ON: Live Electrical Equipment</p> </td> <td> <p>FOR USE ON: Wood, Paper and Textiles</p> <p>FOR USE ON: Flammable Liquids</p> <p>DO NOT USE ON: Live Electrical Equipment</p> <p>DO NOT USE ON: Flammable Metal Fires</p> </td> <td> <p>FOR USE ON: Wood, Paper and Textiles</p> <p>DO NOT USE ON: Live Electrical Equipment</p> <p>DO NOT USE ON: Flammable Liquids</p> <p>DO NOT USE ON: Flammable Metal Fires</p> </td> <td> <p>FOR USE ON: Wood, Paper and Textiles</p> <p>FOR USE ON: Flammable Liquids</p> <p>FOR USE ON: Gaseous Fires</p> <p>FOR USE ON: Live Electrical Equipment</p> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table> </div>	CO ₂	DRY POWDER	AFFF FOAM	WATER	VAPOURISING LIQUIDS						<p>FOR USE ON: Flammable Liquids</p> <p>FOR USE ON: Live Electrical Equipment</p> <p>DO NOT USE ON: Wood, Paper and Textiles</p> <p>DO NOT Use in a confined space</p>	<p>FOR USE ON: Wood, Paper and Textiles</p> <p>FOR USE ON: Flammable Liquids</p> <p>FOR USE ON: Gaseous Fires</p> <p>FOR USE ON: Live Electrical Equipment</p>	<p>FOR USE ON: Wood, Paper and Textiles</p> <p>FOR USE ON: Flammable Liquids</p> <p>DO NOT USE ON: Live Electrical Equipment</p> <p>DO NOT USE ON: Flammable Metal Fires</p>	<p>FOR USE ON: Wood, Paper and Textiles</p> <p>DO NOT USE ON: Live Electrical Equipment</p> <p>DO NOT USE ON: Flammable Liquids</p> <p>DO NOT USE ON: Flammable Metal Fires</p>	<p>FOR USE ON: Wood, Paper and Textiles</p> <p>FOR USE ON: Flammable Liquids</p> <p>FOR USE ON: Gaseous Fires</p> <p>FOR USE ON: Live Electrical Equipment</p>
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<p>Step 3</p>	<p>Teach how to use a fire extinguisher: P – Pull the pin A – Aim the nozzle at the base of the fire S – Squeeze the handle S - Sweep nozzle side to side</p> <p>To operate an extinguisher:</p> <p>Pull Aim Squeeze Sweep</p>  <p>Know your extinguisher Use the correct extinguisher</p> <p><i>(Check your own extinguisher's label for detailed instructions.)</i></p>
<p>Step 4</p>	<p>Practice the use (or pretend to practice) of the fire extinguisher</p>
<p>Step 5</p>	<p>Remind participants that if they think they need to use a fire extinguisher they should also call the fire brigade</p>



Information on how to use a fire extinguisher - British Type:
<http://www.safefiredirect.co.uk/Page/54/videos-how-to-use-a-fire-extinguisher-safely.aspx>
<http://www.mfs-fire-extinguishers.co.uk/types.htm>

Information on how to use a fire extinguisher (includes a video) - United States Type:
<http://www.fire-extinguisher101.com/using.html>

Teaching Fire extinguisher use:
<https://www.usfa.fema.gov/prevention/outreach/extinguishers.html>